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SUBJECT: BIO INFO FOR GIUSEPPE PINTO - NEW VATICAN

AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL AND MAURITANIA

¶1. THE POPE HAS APPOINTED ITALIAN PRIEST, MONSIGNOR GIUSEPPE PINTO, AS NUNCIO (AMBASSADOR) IN SENEGAL AND APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN MAURITANIA. PINTO IS CURRENTLY THE ARGENTINA-CHILE DESK OFFICER AT THE VATICAN FOREIGN OFFICE. HE WAS BORN IN 1952 AND ORDAINED A PRIEST IN 1978. MONSIGNOR UNCLASSIFIED

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PINTO HOLDS A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN CANON (CHURCH) LAW, AND ENTERED THE VATICAN'S DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1984. HE HAS SERVED AT THE VATICAN'S MISSIONS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND IN ARGENTINA. AS WELL AS HIS NATIVE ITALIAN, PINTO SPEAKS FRENCH, SPANISH AND ENGLISH. MONSIGNOR PINTO WILL BE ORDAINED AN ARCHBISHOP PRIOR TO TAKING UP HIS APPOINTMENT.

¶2. NOTE: AN APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IS THE PAPAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THE HOLY SEE HAS NOT ESTABLISHED FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. END NOTE.
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